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SUBJ: GERMAN AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR ON SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST

REF: FASTO 74; MOSCOW 11004; MOSCOW 11088

1. AGATTACHE QUERIED GERMAN AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR KOHLER, AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 14, CONCERNING INFORMATION ON SOVIET GRAIN CROP WITH MINISTER ERTL, AND KOHLER, MAY HAVE ELICITED FROM MINISTER POLYANSKIY. KOHLER HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT WHERE POLYANSKIY SPENT FINAL HOUR WITH ERTL PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE.

2. KOHLER STATED POLYANSKIY DID NOT REPEAT NOT CITE ANY FIGURES, AND DESPITE POLITE PRODDING "DID NOT WISH TO SAY" WHAT HE THOUGHT CROP WOULD BE. NEITHER DID POLYANSKIY REFER TO POSSIBLE ACHIEVEMENT OF 197.4 MILLION TON TARGET. POLYANSKIY REPORTEDLY SAIS THAT GRAIN CROP OVER ENTIRE COUNTRY HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY RAIN AND THAT FINAL OUTCOME WAS UNCERTAIN, ALTHOUGH CROP WOULD BE "MUCH BETTER" THAN LAST YEAR. POLYANSKIY'S FINAL CHARACTERIZATION OF 1974 GRAIN CROP WAS "NOT BAD".

3. ERTL AND PARTY, INCLUDING KOHLER, VISITED TSELINOGRAD AND SHORTANDY, KAZAKHSTAN, SEPTEMBER 13. AT ALL -UNIO GRAIN  
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INSTITUTE , SHORTANDY, KOHLER WAS TOLD SPRING WHEAT YIELD "NOT

AS GOOD AS LAST YEAR." YIELD OF "NOT MORE THAN 11.5 CENTNERS  
PER HECTARE" CITED FOR THIS YEAR PERMITTING EARLIER HARVEST.

4. KOHLER VOLUNTEERED HE EARLIER ESTIMATED SOVIET GRAIN CROP  
AT 190-195 MILLION METRIC TONS BUT NOW CONVINCED IT WOULD NOT  
EXCEED 190.  
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